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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: STATUS OF NATO'S AIRBORNE EARLY  
WARNING AND CONTROL PROGRAM

1. THE GAO HAS JUST INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT WILL  
CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF NATO'S AIRBORNE EARLY  
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AND AT BRUSSELS AND POSSIBLY AT OTHER OFFICES TO BE  
SELECTED IN EUROPE.

2. THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS REVIEW ARE TO DETERMINE THE  
PROGRAM AND COST IMPACTS OF THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED  
AND CURRENTLY PLANNED PROCUREMENTS, THE EUROPEAN  
CO-DEVELOPMENT/CO-PRODUCTION PACKAGE, COMBAT CAPABILITY

EFFECTS RESULTING FROM REDUCED QUANTITIES, AND NATO STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY ISSUES. THE MAIN PART OF THIS WORK WILL BE HANDLED BY THE EUROPEAN BRANCH OF THE GAO WHICH WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GAO TEAM, ARRIVAL DATES, CERTIFICATION OF SECURITY CLEARANCES AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

3. THE GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE MISSION AND MISSION OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH THE GAO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW, PARTICULARLY REGARDING GAO ACCESS TO AND/OR RETENTION OF DEPARTMENT FILES OR DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

4. FOR FRANKFURT. IF IT IS DETERMINED, THAT GAO TEAM WILL NEED TO VISIT LONDON, PARIS AND BONN, IN CONNECTION WITH THIS REVIEW, IT IS REQUESTED THAT AT LEAST TWO WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE BE GIVEN TO EACH POST TO ENSURE THAT DESIRED APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE CONFIRMED. CHRISTOPHER

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